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Title : Need to hand over cantonment board land for road widening work near Ashoka Circle, Belgaum in Karnataka.

SHRI SURESH ANGADI (BELGAUM): Belgaum city is the fastest developing city and is being groomed as second Capital,Consisting a population of about six lakhs in Karnataka State. There is heavy traffic movement in the city. But, at the City entrance there exists an old Octroi Naka Building of Cantonment Board, Belgaum, measuring hardly 36.54 Sq.mtrs near Ashoka Circle which is in the heart of the City Roads. This area was demanded to be transferred to Public Works dept, .in lieu of equal value land transfer by the district administration. This proposal was forwarded by the Cantonment Board authorities and awaiting clearance from Defence Dept in Delhi, since years

Also, the Defence authorities in Belgaum are also found engaged in constructing Compound Wall all over the City area, leading to complaints of land encroachment of private residents/farmers, though their(Defence) area measures only 1302 acres near Mandolli village in Belgaum taluka which often leads to un-necessary friction between the Public/civilians and local Military personnel. This compound wall so constructed is also hampering the road widening works of National Highways/ Public Works Dept.

Hence, I urge the Govt to initiate steps to clear pending proposal for handing over of Cantonment Board land near Ashoka Circle, Belgaum to take up immediate road widening process and also to direct the concerned Local Military authorities to stop compound wall construction activity to avoid un-necessary conflicts between Civilians and Defence in my Belgaum Parliamentary Constituency Karnataka.